

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK**

**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, *ex rel.*
DAVID KESTER, *et al.***

Plaintiffs,

v.

**NOVARTIS PHARMACEUTICALS
CORPORATION, *et al.*,**

Defendants.

Case No. 11-CIV-8196 (CM) (JCF)

NOTICE OF WITHDRAWAL

NOTICE OF WITHDRAWAL – PAUL F. JAMES

1. I am an attorney in good standing licensed to practice law in the State of Washington and was previously admitted *pro hac vice* to the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York, to represent the State of Washington as a Plaintiff in the above-caption *qui tam* action.

2. Upon my withdrawal as counsel in this action, attorneys in my office, Carrie L. Bashaw, and Douglas D. Walsh, who have previously been admitted *pro hac vice* will continue to represent the Plaintiff State of Washington in this action.

3. No trial date has been set and the parties will not be prejudiced by my withdrawal.

4. A Pretrial Conference is scheduled for September 19, 2014 at 10:30 a.m., and no reports are due at this time such that the parties would be prejudiced by my withdrawal.

WHEREFORE, I am withdrawing my representation of the Plaintiff State of Washington in this action with reference to all matters, incidents or proceedings.

Dated: Olympia, WA
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